

Invitation to health and care professionals from all disciplines to apply for membership of the

East of England Clinical Senate Assembly

The East of England Clinical Senate was established in 2013 to provide full, independent and impartial clinical advice on proposals for service change that have significant implications for patients and the public. We are looking for enthusiastic and passionate health and social care professionals of all disciplines, who are actively involved in healthcare delivery, to join the 200 members already on our Senate Assembly to help in the provision of our clinical advice.

The role of the Senate is to respond to requests for clinical advice on service change proposals. We provide evidence-based advice, given in the best interests of patients and independent of any organisational or professional interests. We work with a complete spectrum of clinical experts from acute to primary care, complemented with input from patients, the public and social care.

As a Senate Assembly member we will invite you to join clinical review panels or bespoke working groups when we have a topic that matches your clinical expertise. We will ensure that members of clinical review panels do not have a conflict of interest to the proposals in question. Each panel is chaired by a member of our Senate Council.

As an Assembly member your time commitment will therefore be very flexible and will depend on your membership of the specific clinical review panels or working groups. Clinical Review panels tend to be held over one day, while much of the work of the working groups is 'virtual' with documents distributed by email and discussions organised by teleconference. You will therefore have periods of participation in projects followed by periods where you have no active participation in Senate work.

Our website <http://www.eoesenate.nhs.uk/> details some of the work we have been involved in over the last 12 months.

Clinical review panels and topics are interesting and diverse and working with us will provide you with the opportunity to broaden your knowledge and experience, working on issues that impact on organisations across the East of England.

We also work closely with the other 11 Senates in England and you will therefore have opportunity to participate in advising on proposals outside East of England.

To apply for membership of the Clinical Senate Assembly, please complete the application form on our website, where you will also find a role description

<http://www.eoesenate.nhs.uk/senate-assembly/applying-membership-senate-assembly/>

Applications should be submitted by no later than **13 June 2017**.

This is a membership application and therefore interviews will not be necessary. Recruitment will be based upon experience, areas of interest and the requirement of the Senate Assembly to be broadly representative of the wider healthcare community within the East of England.

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